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REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Cox for a helpful interview with the undersigned and Ms. Tostado. In the interview, the arguments presented in the response of October 13, 2004 were discussed. It was agreed that claim 1 does not read on the prior art and is therefore patentable over the prior art. It was also agreed that the above amendments would be made and that the Examiner would conduct a further search with respect to the rejected claims. The claims that were only objected to have been rewritten in independent form, with further amendment of claims 2 and 7 as agreed at the interview.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

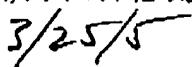
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